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Mr. James J. Rorimer  
Director  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art  
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Rorimer:

Thank you for your letter of August 14. In the interim it seems to me that the situation has undergone sufficient change so that I would see no reason why at your convenience you should not carry forward your negotiations with von Schlabrendorff, or others with respect to the painting in which you are interested. If I could be of any informal help with von Schlabrendorff, I should be glad to do so. My own plans for going abroad have been somewhat deferred due to intervening events and I shall probably not get away from here until the end of September or early October. At that time, I should be glad to have a word with him.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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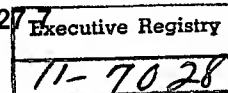
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THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART  
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

August 14, 1959

A handwritten signature, likely of the Director, James J. Rorimer, written in dark ink.

Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Main Post Office, Box 1513  
Washington 13, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I have received a copy of your letter of August 3rd referring to the von Schlabrendorff affair and wholeheartedly agree with you that we should wait. The decision is ours not yours. I do not know, however, what Charlie will do, but he has had a copy of your letter and will no doubt make his own decision.

You are very kind to help us with this matter and it would be of the greatest help to us if you would pursue the problem at your convenience.

As I am in Ohio at the moment I am asking my secretary to sign this letter.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature of James J. Rorimer, written in dark ink.  
James J. Rorimer  
Director

(Dictated by Mr. Rorimer and signed in his absence.)